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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BRAGG ET AL.

Examiner

Reginald L. Alexander

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-11, 13-16 and 18-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 5-11, 13, 18, 19 and 21-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fischer.

There is disclosed in Fischer a brewing apparatus, comprising: a housing 29; a receptacle 23 movable relative to the housing between a vertical position and a forwardly inclined position; a first axis 27 upon which the receptacle is pivotable; a lid 1 movable relative to the housing between open and closed positions; a second axis 16 upon which the receptacle is pivotable; a cartridge 30 for placement within the receptacle; a handle 20 for pivoting the receptacle; a linkage 25 that causes movement of the receptacle in response to movement of the lid; an inlet probe 12; and a water tank, a heater and a pump (not shown).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fischer in view of Kollep et al.

Kollep discloses the use of a linkage including a pivotally mounted arm 3 connected to a lid 1 and a link 11, 13 pivotally connected to the arm and to a housing to allow movement of a receptacle 5 in response to movement of the lid.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to substitute the pivotal connections of the lid and receptacle of Fischer with that taught in Kollep, in order to provide an alternative arrangement for moving the lid and receptacle.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fischer in view of Lazaris et al.

Lazaris discloses the use of an outlet probe to pierce a beverage cartridge and deliver a brewed beverage from a brewing apparatus.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide the device of Fischer with an outlet probe as taught by Lazaris, in order to allow for controlled stay time of the brewed liquid within the brewing receptacle.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion


The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patent to Pecoraro et al. is cited for its disclosure of the state of the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Reginald L. Alexander whose telephone number is 571-272-1395. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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